

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, without any prejudice, without any surrender of subject matter, without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, and without any admission, as follows:

Claim 9, line 1, please change "in any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, please change "in any preceding claim" to --claim 1--; and, in line 2, please change "preferably" to --or--.

Claim 12, line 1, please delete "as claimed in any preceding claim".

Claim 14, line 1, please change "in any preceding claim" to --claim 1--; and, in line 2, please change "preferably" to --or--.

Claim 16, line 1, please delete "or claim 15"; and, in line 2, please change "preferably" to --or--.

Claim 17, line 1, please delete "in any one of", change "claims" to --claim--, delete "to 16"; and, in line 3, please change "preferably" (each occurrence) to --or--.

Claim 18, line 1, please change "in any preceding claim" to --claim 1--; and "and is" to --in--; and, in line 2, please change "preferably" to --or--.

Claim 20, line 1, please change "in any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 21, line 1, please change "in any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 22, line 2, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 24, line 1, please delete "claim 22 or".

Claim 25, lines 1 and 2, please delete "claim 22 or" and "or vector as defined in claim 24".

Claim 26, line 1, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

27. (Amended) A method of making a polypeptide [as claimed in claim 26]

comprising transforming a host cell with a nucleic acid encoding said polypeptide and culturing the transformed cell and expressing said polypeptide wherein the nucleic acid is as defined in [claim 22 or] claim 23.

Claim 28, line 1, please delete "claim 26 or".

Claim 29, lines 1-2, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 30, line 1, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 31, line 1, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 32, line 1, please delete "claims 22 or".

Claim 33, line 1, please delete "claim 22 or".

Claim 34, line 2, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 36, line 1, please delete "claim 34 or".

Claim 37, line 1, please delete "claim 33 or".

Claim 38, line 1, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 40, line 1, please delete "claim 38 or".

Claim 41, line 1, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 42, line 2, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 43, line 1, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 44, lines 1-2, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 47, line 2, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.

Claim 48, lines 2-3, please delete "any one of" and "to 21" and change "claims" to --claim--.